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**NDMA Mock Drill at Rawatbhata Atomic Power Station (RAPS),
District Chittorgarh (Rajasthan) : 17th & 18th Aug' 2011**

After the special meeting of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister to review India's preparedness to deal with the disasters in the wake of Japanese experience, NDMA has taken up the task of conducting special mock exercises covering all the Nuclear Facilities in the six States of the Country. Nuclear power plants in five States namely Tarapur (Maharashtra), Kalpakkam (Tamilnadu), Narora (U.P.) , Kaiga (Karnataka) and Kakrapar (Gujarat) have been covered in the last two months. The Exercises conducted so far were found to be extremely useful to the Plant Authorities and the respective State/ District stakeholders in identifying the gaps in the existing offsite emergency plan which gave us an opportunity to contemplate the necessary steps to cover them.

The sixth and final exercise is being conducted at Rawatbhata, district Chittorgarh (Rajasthan) on 18th Aug'2011. The Mock Exercise will be preceded by a Workshop on 17 Aug 2011 which will be inaugurated by Shri M. Shashidhar Reddy, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, NDMA and will be attended by Shri B. Bhattacharjee, Member, NDMA, former Director BARC, as well as Shri J K Sinha, Member NDMA. Besides the Site Director, officers from crisis management group, department of Atomic Energy, AERB, NPCIL and District Magistrates and Superintendent of Police would give their presentation in the workshop about the preparedness. A Team of NDRF Battalion

from Pune will take part in the exercise with Police, Civil Defence and other responders who will show their response capabilities to counter such emergencies. The District Magistrate of neighbouring districts, where Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs) are located is also expected to attend.

With view to address all the gaps identified in the course of six mock exercises covering all the nuclear installations in the Country and to standardize offsite emergencies plan, NDMA has also convened a Meeting on 19th Aug 2011 at NDMA Bhawan, A-1, Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi. The Chairman AERB, CMD NPCIL, Secretary to the Department of Atomic Energy, DG, Health Services, DG, NDRF & CD, DG CISF and all six Principal Secretary/ Secretary (DM) of concerned States with their respective District Collectors have been invited to attend the said meeting.
